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Harvey- Good morning Dan. How ya doing? Terrific. Terrific. Don't forget Amy the five fingers, but Dan's got his head in the way. No problem! Hey I'm glad to hear that! (just warming up my typing )

00:51 My trip! Well we left Tuesday morning about 6 o clock in the morning. My son came over to pick me up. He had the truck loaded with about forty buckets of bear bait. Everything was in the truck. The only thing is we had to stop in Grafton because he had a job over there and they put some dumpsters in there and they wanted to check on them. Of course, like everything else, one dumpster was okay, but the other dumpster they put right under a big tree. Now, when you're on the roof, how can you throw things off the roof when there's a tree in the way? Then of course he had to call the people that bring the dumpsters and they had to come out and relocate it. Then we went to his house, which is about nine miles from here to pick up the older grandson and he had everything ready, the guns ya know, put that in the car. We headed out.

1:58 Then of course we were on highway 33 and of course we had to stop in West Ben because we had to get a little breakfast. Of course I had breakfast at about 4 o clock in the morning because my wife made eggs, coffee, this and that and I was rearing to go. Then we headed up north and then we stopped off in Stephen's point, which is halfway up because we are...from here we are roughly 240 miles up to the Willow Flowage. That is where we go hunting. Of course we got up to Stephen's Point and then as I mentioned before, when I went in to the restroom to rest my leg, then of course there was a young guy standing in a blue uniform. I thought, 'He's a marine.' Which of course he was.

2:56 Anyway I started talking to him. I says, 'I know all about the marines. Would you believe we took in, I mean the NAVY, we took in 80,000 marines at Iwo Jima.' He said, 'You did?' Then I told him the story that I saw the original flag go up on Mt. Suribachi. The invasion was February 19th, 1945 and four days after the invasion I saw the original flag go up on Mt. Suribachi. He couldn't believe it. He started talking about it. I gave him more information. He said, 'Would you believe that on my way to Japan we flew over Iwo Jima and I saw Mt. Suribachi?' Some stories. I said, 'The sad part of it is we only lost roughly 7,500 marines were killed on Iwo Jima and it was a small island, only 8 by 5 miles.' Of course roughly 15,000 were wounded. There were roughly 20,000 Japs that were dug into the island and they were really dug in because it was a Japanese held island for hundreds of years. They had concrete...guns in placements. They had everything zeroed in. If it was 5,000 feet to the beach they had their guns zeroed in. If it was 4,000 feet they had their guns zeroed in.

4:40 Like I said, for 71 consecutive days....

5:22 My story started December 7th, 1941. My father and I...I was 16 years old at the time. My father and I were in the Cedarburg marsh hunting rabbits. Around 2:30, 3 o clock in the afternoon he said, 'We are going to stop by Emma and Carly's' those were friends of his that had a tavern in Mequon. So we stopped in Mequon for a drink. He had a beer and I think I only had a soda. I was 16 years old, what can you drink. Anyway we went into the tavern to say hello to Carly and Emma, everyone was huddled around the radio and they were talking. Pearl Harbor was bombed.

Pearl Harbor was bombed. Being 16 years old still in high school as a junior, you really didn't know if Pearl Harbor was in Egypt, Russia, or where it was.

6:25 Anyway, as time went by my mother said, 'The bad thing is sometime you're going to be in the war.' Being in high school, playing basketball, having lots of fun talking to the young girls that were sitting next to you in class, you really didn't think about it too much. Then one day, I was sitting in the study hall reading a reader's digest. This name always stuck out in my mind, Colin Kelly. It was an article about him. He was the first B17 pilot that was killed in the war. His plane was shot down. That stayed in my mind all these years. Colin Kelly. Unbelievable. That was quite an article in the reader's digest. Then as time went by all of a sudden I got to be a junior, then I was a senior, then of course they were sending out notices for registry for the draft.

7:42 I did register for the draft when I was 18 years old. It didn't take long then I got a notice that I was to appear at the draft board someplace in Milwaukee. That's where I went to get the...sign the draft papers. I had my physical there, this and that. Then when I walked down the aisle with all my papers, there was an Army officer, Navy officer, air corps, marine corps. When I got up to the navy officer, he said 'Son, do you like the navy?' 18 years old what can you say? I said 'Well certainly, I do sir. He said, 'It's a damn good thing sonny because you're in the navy.' Stamped some papers and I was in the navy. That's how I got into the navy. I was drafted.

8:40 Of course then after that....

8:59 It was two weeks after I graduated, which was in 1943. I got a notice from my Uncle Sam requesting Harvey, you are to appear in front of draft board number 7 at such and such a date. Which I did. And of course...I was the only one in the family. I had no sisters. I had no brothers. It wasn't too happy for a household. My mother especially didn't like the idea that I would be going in to service. I went to draft board. I had my physical and after my physical then I walked down the aisle and there was an army officer, navy, marine, air corps. When I got up to the navy officer, he said 'Son, do you like the navy?' Of course being 6, 18 years old I said 'I think so sir.' He said, stamped some paper 'Son, it's a damn good thing because you're in the navy.' I was drafted. From there I went home, this and that. I had to go. I got notice that I had to go to Chicago, Navy Pier. That is where I had my boot training. For 8 weeks we had our boots training.

10:41 Of course that's right on Lake Michigan and being quite the duck hunter I was every morning when we would get up at 5, 5:30 in the morning to do our calisthenics, we had to run this and that, exercise, be all sweated up and then I would be looking out at the lake watching for ducks. Why then of course you felt kind of bad that I wasn't sitting in the duck blind. But anyway, I was standing at Navy Pier. Anyway after every morning after you're jogging, I got sweated up, and somehow during that 8 week period I caught a cold. I was so darn sick, but knowing I was going home after boot camp for 5 days on a leave, I didn't go to sick bay and I fought it. I didn't have no core bell or nothing to help the medication. I just stood there and froze. I had the chills and everything else.

11:48 Then I... finally the day came where we all were able to go home on leave. In those days, they had the North shore running from Chicago to Milwaukee. Of course they had a club car on there. Of course with the navy uniform on and other sailors and the people were so different in those days, everyone wanted to buy you a drink. I did have a little medication because I wasn't feeling to good because of my cold. I use that as my excuse. Anyway I went home, I think I took a cab home and I walked into the house....

12:40.... <crying> my mother cried. I cried. Anyway, a lot of hugs you know. Hey it seems just like yesterday. I was home maybe a half an hour and guess where I went? To bed. I was sick! I was in bed for maybe 3 or 4 days and my folks wanted to get a doctor. They called the navy to send a navy doctor. They said they would be happy to send one, but he didn't have a car. Believe that. He said can your husband come and get him? My dad went to get the navy doctor. He came and gave me medication, this and that. Make a long story short I was in bed maybe 3, 4, or 5 days before I started to turn around. Meanwhile they called the navy doctor Ditty wanted to have my leave extended. I did get an extra 5 days. Of course, liking the hunt as much as I did at that time, it was getting into December and the weather was getting cold. There was a little snow on the ground and I wanted to go rabbit hunting.

14:10 I got up and I was kind of weak on my legs. I got up and walked kind of slow. My mother said, 'You're not going to go hunting.' And I said, 'I sure am.' I went hunting out at the Cedarburg Marsh to go rabbit hunting and I'd walk maybe a hundred feet or whatever, got kind of weak, then I'd sit down on a stump and rest. I can't tell you how many rabbits I shot that day, but I guess I did get one or two. That was the story.

14:40 When I went back home I was home for a couple of days. Then I had to go back to Great Lakes. Hug my mother, this and that, good luck. I went back to Great Lakes and I looked at the board. They had notices there where all...there were roughly 125 in our company at Great Lakes. I looked at the board and I was selected to go to radio school. Of course, the company CEO said, 'Hey you guys, you're all being set around the country now. Some of you are going to radio school, some are going to Sema more and some are going to engineering school.'

15:40 Anyway I was selected to go to radio school and the CEO said, 'Now you guys put enough underwear in your ditty bags and your C bags for a week because you don't know where you're going to end up.' I ended up, believe it or not, at the University of Chicago, which wasn't too far from Navy Pier. The good news as time went by while I was going to school and was real military, we were one of the first groups at the University of Chicago. We would march from our barracks with drums ya know and everything else to go to radio school. We lived in a dormitory, Burton and Juncston court. Hey I still remember that. Burton and Juncston court.

16:40 We were assigned three sailors to a room. We were, like I said, we were one of the first groups there. Believe it or not, we had pay phones on our floor. They didn't stay there very long because around 1 o'clock, 2 o'clock in the morning, the phones would ring. Can you send two sailors? We're having a party. The girls would be calling up, can you send sailors over to such

and such an address? It didn't take long. A day after or so all the phones were taken out. Anyway, I was at radio school, I forget, maybe 12 weeks or whatever learning the international code, the Morse code, deee deed at doo doo. I tried to remember. I can't remember all of that stuff because that's a couple of weeks ago, you know how that goes.

17:35 Anyway from there, I graduated from radio school. Then we had to go to Little Creek, Virginia to pick up a ship.

18:30 Okay. We had to go to Little Creek, Virginia to pick up a brand new LSM. An LSM is a landing ship medium. We had to go to Little Creek, Virginia to pick up a brand new LSM and that is a landing ship medium. We were number 2 what? 207? <241> Hey 241. I knew there was a 7 in there. After I had written a letter to my folks and my dad said, 'Hey you don't have to worry that's a lucky number. 241 that's a seven, so don't worry.' Anyway we picked up a brand new LSM. That was 208 feet long. About 100 feet shorter than an LST.

19:40 We were about 100 feet shorter than the LST. Just to give you an idea, the LSM was 208 feet. We had a brand new ship. I remember, oh you might say the commander's name of our crew, his name was Brooks. He was a CEO, I forget his first name but the last name was Brooks. Our crew, we had roughly 65 in the crew. In addition to that we picked up maybe about 50 marines. There job was...we had oh like maybe 4 tanks on the well deck and maybe 4 ammunition trucks. They of course manned the tanks and the ammunition truck.

20:52 While we had 40 mm bow gun on and maybe half a dozen 20 mm and half a dozen 15 caliber. We had the well deck, which of course that's where they put the equipment in. I'll get to that point when we landed. While we had the marines on, we practiced maybe a month to 6 weeks make landing off the coast of California. We'd go racing into the beach. When we would be about 200 feet from the beach, we would drop our stern anchor and the purpose of that was to help us pull off after we were on the beach. Then when we would maybe be another 100 feet from the beach, then we would open our bow doors and then when we would hit the beach we would lower the ramp. Then of course when we were on the beach, then the tanks and the trucks could pull off onto the beach.

22:05 We did that, like I said, for maybe 6 weeks. We did that. You got to know these guys, these young marines. Yeah <crying>. We were all 18, 19, 20 years old. You got to know these guys pretty good. Of course when you have a lot of the young guys living together like that, excuse me deary, we did talk about girls. Everybody had a girl back home. Anyway, we packed up and we had no idea where in the hell we were going. We proceeded. We didn't have any escort. There were maybe about 12 of our LSM's together and we were heading out to sea. We passed through the golden gate and fortunately we got to see the golden gate when we came back. With the golden gate the saying was, "Golden gate and 49" but we saw it before then.

23:18 Anyway we proceeded on the Pacific. We went to the different islands, the Marianas...I'm trying to remember all the different islands. Guam, Tinian, Saipan, and we proceeded towards

wherever we were going. We still didn't know. Then maybe about 2 o'clock in the morning, on February 19th, we all got up, took showers. Then when you were on the deck you could see flashes and hear thunder <crying> in the distance from the big guns, they were shelling the island and of course bombing it from the air. Then we found out that we were going to Iwo Jima. Anyway the way the story goes, for 71 consecutive days they bombed the island from the air with the B29's, from Guam, Tinian, and Saipan. Then three different occasions they bombarded the island from the sea and Edgar Halsey's 7th fleet. Braxton Washington thought it would be a cheesecake. Unfortunately it wasn't.

25:03 Then February 19th, when we were close, we were bombing, shooting at the island and they were bombing it from the air and there was no fire from the island. We took in marines, the other landing ships. There must have been roughly 800 ships in our flotilla. Most of them were landing ships. Then of course we had the big battle ships, Wisconsin was there, Missouri and the cruisers, the destroyers. They were shelling the island. The brax thought it was going to be a cheesecake. They thought it was going to really be softened up. The Japs did not shoot. We landed altogether maybe about 20,000 marines on the island.

26:12 Then that was 8 hours 9 o'clock when we went in and then all the landing ships went in and we landed. Like I said roughly 20,000 and when we had all of those on the shore, then the Japs opened up. They couldn't miss because they knew exactly it was 5,000 feet, 4,000 feet to the beach. Anyway, after we landed our trucks and tanks then we went back to the big ships, transport ships and reloaded. Put more equipment on tanks, trucks, marines took them into the beach. We did that all day.

27:19 Then meanwhile we had them damn kamikazes coming in. As a matter of fact the one aircraft carrier, it was a CVE, the Bismarck Sea. She got hit. She got sunk. Of course I can't tell you how much litter was laying around in the beach floating and bodies because the landing ship would be going in you know, this and that, and then they would get hit and of course a lot of debris and bodies in the water. Of course all of the turmoil, we were shooting onto the beach you know, and all the big guns...the battleships and the cruisers were laying out maybe 4 or 6 miles trying to pinpoint Mt. Suribachi. That was the highest point on the island, 550 feet. That was t he lookout post.

28:20 The way we found out later on what happened, whenever there was an air raid or there was a bombardment, they had their big guns on elevators. They would go down to the bottom of Mt. Suribachi to the base and it really didn't do any damage. The big reason why we had to take Iwo Jima was to help the B29s later on that got hit over Japan. We were 650 miles from Japan. Later on they had to make emergency landings at Iwo. That's why we had to take the island, that we had an airport. We were very fortunate the first few days, this and that. We did get hit. Later on we were scheduled to go to Okinawa. We didn't go because we did get hit at Iwo.

29:23 We got hit by a mortar fire off from the island, unfortunately it did kill about 3 of our crew and wounded a couple. Anyway, it did put a hole in our fuselage on the port side and they

boarded it up that we were able to be seaworthy. We still made landings. We were at the island roughly 30 days before it became secure. 4 days after the original landing, I saw the original flag go up on Mt. Suribachi. When that happened, all of the guns on Iwo started to shoot. Of course we and the navy, our guns too. At that time we thought that the island was secure, but it didn't work out that way.

30:23 We were up at Iwo roughly 30 days and the sad part of it is, we landed like I said roughly 80,000 marines. The sad part of it is, about half of the guys that we had on our ship, that I got to know, we had to take when we were going to the beach after we unloaded a load, we had to pickup bodies and wounded and take them out to the U.S.S. 2 hospital ships. The U.S.S Comfort and the U.S.S Solace. Those were the two hospital ships. The sad part of it is, half of the guys that I got to know on the ship out of the 50, half of them were either dead or wounded from Iwo. We had to take them out to the hospital ships.

31:20 Anyway we had to do this for roughly 30 days, go out to a big transport, load up, take it back into the island and then meanwhile you had the damn kamikazes coming in. They hit a lot of our...they would aim primarily at the big ships, the carriers, the cruisers, and the battleships and try to sink them. Unbelievable, unbelievable. We were up there roughly 30 days.

32:00 That's the story.

33:30 I was assigned to the conning tower. I had the captain standing here and I was right next to the captain. I had a radio on and then all the guns...gun number 1 was ready, gun number 2 was ready, I had to relay that message to the captain. I saw everything what was going on. When we would go into the beach, there was so much debris from sunken landing ships. Not just the LSM's but what they call Higgins boat. Those were boats that were roughly 50 feet long and they were swung on to the transports. They used them too to bring in marines because they had to transport a lot. Like I said, we took in a total of roughly 80,000 marines.

34:30 Anyway, so many of these Higgins boats and the LSM's landing ships to LST's, so many were hit and sunk and there was so much debris that it was difficult to find the place to land on the beach. So much debris floating in the water, bodies floating around, and of course when you would go in, when we would be unloaded then we would have to pick bodies out of the water and take them to the hospital ships. So much debris. Then meanwhile so much gunfire going on, the Japs were shooting, the kamikazes were diving in. Then of course we were shooting, lot of stories.

35:25 I was on, I was on the ship. We were maybe less than a quarter of a mile off of the beach, off of the island. On about the fourth day, the original flag was raised. All of the ships at sea, including us, we started shooting our guns, everybody was more or less celebrating because we thought the island was secured. Unfortunately it didn't happen because we were up there roughly 30 days before they secured the island. Actually we took in like the 3rd and 4th marine division. Later on I got to meet some of the fellas that were in that division. A little story later. Where abouts should I go again?

36:45 Like I mentioned, Suribachi was roughly 550 feet tall. It was held by the Japanese for hundreds of years. They had concrete gun emplacements. They had everything ready to go. They had the guns zeroed into the beach. They couldn't miss when they fired. Anyway, Mt. Suribachi was the highest point on the island and they had a big airfield and that's the reason why we had to take the island. When we saw the flag go up, it was...you might say it was a very happy moment because all of us thought that the island was going to be secured, but it wasn't going to be. That was the sad part. Anyway, like I said it lasted about 30 days after before they secured the island.

38:15 I think it was wonderful. There were roughly, if I remember right, there were 5 marines and 1 navy corps men that raised the original flag at Mt. Suribachi. They put it up on a led pipe. That was the original flag that I saw go up. I did not see the second flag go up. That's what they did. How much later that was after the original flag, I don't know. I think it was some time, more or less after the island was secured, then they raised the bigger flag. They had that picture all around the country.

39:00 Little did I realize at the time that I saw that flag that it would be such an outstanding photo for the country. Everybody talked about it. Did you see the flag go up on Mt. Suribachi? I guess the main purpose of it was that they could sell more war bonds and war stamps. That was the big thing for the war effort.

39:35 For the war effort that we could keep fighting because it was costing a lot of money. While I was at Iwo on the ship, on the conning tower. Every morning I would see B29s coming back from bombing raids from Japan and these B29s, as you probably know, they were big four motor jobs. One motor would be shot out, two motors would be shot out, and then some of them had big holes in the fuselage or through the wings or they were hit from enemy aircraft fire over Japan. They had to make emergency landings at Iwo. Because all of these B29s were coming from roughly 1,500 miles away, which was Guam, Tinian, and Saipan, they wouldn't have made it back if it wouldn't have been for Iwo.

40:40 I forget how many had to make emergency landings. As a matter of fact, this last summer I got a letter from Pittsburg Pennsylvania. It was from a son of a veteran that his father was a tail gunner on a B29. He got my name off of the internet. He knew that I was at Iwo and he wanted to talk to me about the island, Iwo Jima. He told...I called him back and he wasn't home but I left my phone number and everything else. He called me back and talked to me about it. His father was a tail gunner on a B29 and at the bombing raid they had to make an emergency landing at Iwo and he thanked me for being part of it that we secured the island and had the airport that he could make the landing there because otherwise they would have had to go into the sea.



41:54 On every B29 there were 12 people, tail gunners, waist gunners, pilots, and the gunners. He was so happy to hear from me. I think I talked to him for over an hour on the phone. That was from Pittsburg Pennsylvania.

42:30 Well, first of all when I got home, for maybe the first year, I did nothing. I didn't sleep too good at night. You had flash backs and one good thing I did, I joined what they called the 52-20 club. I know you don't know what the 52-20 club was, but that was nice of the government. For 52 weeks they mailed me a check and other veterans \$20 a week. In those days, \$20 was a heck of a lot of money.

43:30 For the first year I really didn't sleep too good. I would wake up during the night. You'd have the flash backs. You'd be going into the beach. You'd hear the big guns and so on. Okay, that's all history. Anyway, time went by...the war was over in 1945, fortunately. I didn't get out right away because at that time, keep in mind there were roughly 16 million of us in service. They established what they called the point system. You had so many points for each battle and how many months you were in service. I didn't get out until like 1946, almost a year after because I was in one battle which was Iwo, then of course a number of months that I was in service. I was in service from 1943 to 1946. I did get out. Of course wherever I had got out of service, in those days they gave you a real quick physical.

44:55 You had to put a little bit of yellow liquid into a container. If you didn't have enough you just asked your buddy to help you out. Then they'd look in your ears, this and that, okay, next. After that I went home. Like I said I was home maybe about a year. After that, after things settled down, then I got a job at the gas company. I worked there 40 years at the gas company. Believe it or not I started off answering telephones, helping customers and they selected that I would go into the PR department. That's where I met my true love at the gas company. Right?

46:05 That was the best day of my life. <crying> After 50 some years, we're still married. I only hope it lasts another 50. That's the way it goes.

46:35 I don't know.

Loretta- I was up on the third floor and I worked with Billy. He was in customers interview. My girlfriend liked him. I said, 'How can you like that big flirt?' Cause he was flirting all the time.

Harvey- Friendly, friendly.

Loretta- All of a sudden he calls me at the gas company on the third floor, my department, and then he asked me to go out. But before that, I went out for a Christmas party, right across the place from the gas company and I was feeling pretty good. He saw that and he said you're going home. He drove me. At that time I was in heels corners. He drove me all the way home. He got me to the front door and he said to my brother, 'I'm bringing your sister home. She's a little too much to drink, you can take over.'

Harvey- Excuse me, let me just add this. Loretta only had ten brothers. I got the hell out of there pretty quick.

Loretta- My brothers took me and picked me up and put me right to bed. That's where I went. That's how I met. He asked me out after that and then we met some of his friends from high school. It's going to be 55 years now.

Harvey- Hey is that what it is? I remember, September 29th, we got married at 7 o'clock at night. I remember the Brewers, no it must have been the Braves in those days, they were playing the Cardinals and they won that game 2-0. I was listening to it on the radio. But anyway, that's the story.

48:55 I am blessed. I've got a wonderful wife. She does everything for me. Everything and of course, like the story goes, when we went up north, when we had 2 wonderful children, a girl and a boy. We would go up north up to where we go bear hunting, that's on the Willow Flowage in Oneida County. In Milwaukee, we lived in Milwaukee at that time, I would catch roughly 250, no 500 night crawlers to go up north fishing and then I would catch another 500 to sell. We took that all up north.

49:55 And of course the two kids. I would take, well Lynn is the girl and Jeff is the boy. I would take the two kids fishing and of course we put a sign out, 'Night crawlers for sale.' Of course in those days we only got .35 a dozen for night crawlers. When we were out fishing and of course if somebody would stop and get night crawlers, guess who dug them out of the container and put them in another small container and sold them to the customer. As a matter of fact I told my wife, you can have all the money. .35 a dozen.

50:40 Anyway, getting back to my wife. I have been blessed because I have such a wonderful wife. Baking, cooking, everything, cleaning. As a matter of fact she makes sure that I do everything right, and I don't do everything right, only 99%. We've had a wonderful life. I only wish that the younger generation would be more, what should I say, home body than we are. It's so different. Now in my day, or our day, my wife would be at home and I would be at work. Now a days, like our kids too, very very seldom do they get to eat a meal together. Whereas we always ate together and then of course when the kids were home from school, how was the day? This and that and so on. It's so different today.

51:50 I only hope like from our generation we came from the greatest generation. We didn't know what drive by shootings were, or road rage. It's so different today. We didn't have those problems. So different. Like my wife and a lot of women years ago, they knew how to bake. They knew how to can. Many a time I remember that we would get a case of peaches or a bushel of tomatoes and my mother and my wife would make homemade tomato juice and can the peaches and the pears. So different today. Today there's nothing that you can't buy when you go to pick-n-save or Piggly Wiggly or any store. Everything is prepared. Unbelievable.

52:50 Even like when we go up north to go bear hunting, my wife will make us meals to take up because she says this is better for you rather than open up a can. What more can I say about my wonderful wife?

53:10 I'm glad I'm out of there.

53:40 Well okay. As you know I did work at Pick-n-save. Of course there was a little story connected with that. I retired from the Wisconsin gas company in 1988. I worked there 40 years. That's roughly 21, 22 years ago. For a number of years after I retired, I helped my son, he's in the roofing business, siding and so-on. After a number of years, I always did take a lot of walks, well gee-wiz I'd walk from here to where the Pick-n-save is, and that's roughly 3, 3.5 miles away. I always walked at least 5 miles a day. I went passed, I said to my wife, 'Hey they're putting up a new pick-n-save.' I watched it go up brick by brick.

54:44 One day after my walk, I came home and my wife said, 'You know at pick-n-save they had an ad in the paper for help.' I said to her, 'Honey, why the hell won't you get a job?' She looked at me and said, 'Don't talk so damn...' Hey can I use profanity? I said, 'Heyyyy, I bet I could.' That night, our daughter and daughter in law, they talked to my wife. My wife said, 'You know what Grandpa said that he could get a job at Pick-n-save.' He can't get a job because he's too old! Right then and there, guess what Harvey did? The next day I went to hotel 8 because that's where they were interviewing and I applied for a job. I didn't want nothing to do with cashiering and handling money because that's what I did for 40 years with the gas company.

55:44 They asked me what do you want to do? I said, well how about stocking shelves? Okay I fill out the forms, this and that. Most of them were 100 questions true and false and that's the kind of test I like because you're about 50% right when you answer it. I filled it all out and they said, Harvey, we'll get back to you. That was just before Christmas time. We went out to do Christmas shopping for the kids and us and we put the recorder on and when we came back, the light was flashing. Picked it up, 'Hello Harvey, this is Pat from pick-n-save. Can you come in tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock?' That's how I got started at pick-n-save. Little did I realize that I was going to be there 8 years.

56:40 I must say, well I started off shelving. As a matter of fact I worked there maybe 2 months before the store actually opened stocking shelves. Then after that when the store opened, they asked 'Harvey would you like to bag because you like to talk to people?' I said, 'Well once and awhile.' I started to bag and I can't tell you how much fun I had there. I knew so many people because keep in mind we lived out here all that time and then as time went by with the Honor Flight, Joe Demler and I, we were on TV, we were on the radio, we were in the newspaper about the Honor Flight and so many of the people that came into pick-n-save, they would tell me, Harvey, we saw you on TV or we heard you on the radio, or we saw you in the newspaper. I got to know so many people.

57:50 The good news, I can say this in front of my wife because she don't care and I did get a lot of hugs from ladies because I did such a good job bagging.

Loretta- I must say, through the pick-n-save, he received cards from little kids thanking Harvey and I got them in his Honor Flight box with his big notes that were thanking him. At Christmas

time he would get Christmas cookies and everything from the kids because he would give them quarters.

58:35 I always played a little game with the kids. I would always take maybe four or five dollars of quarters along every day, keep them in my pocket and I would put one quarter here and nothing here and they knew, pick a hand. They would pick a hand. Nothing there. Oh hey a quarter. They came in to see me. They enjoyed it very much.

59:00 Lots of fun, I can't tell you. As time went by, believe it or not I was there 8 years. Maybe about a week before I quit they came out with a new dress code where you had to wear long sleeve white shirts button down with a black tie. Can you picture people that were in the meat department or deli department wearing white shirts? Anyway, I had to wear a white shirt too. Black shoes, black tie. I couldn't picture my wife washing white shirts every two days. We talked it over and I said what I should really do is quit. Once you're 101 years old, how long you want to work? I gave the notice that I left. That's how it ended up.

1:00:40 I really got to think about my name. Harvey R. Kurz. Of course if I remember right, I was born April 15th 1925. That don't make me 19, I'm only 86.

1:01:09 No no no. As a matter of fact, about the same way like...I had a lot of newspapers. The war was over with Japan. The war was over with Germany and all those newspapers are down in the basement. Same way where our wedding pictures are. You talk to anybody that's in their high 70s or 80s, ask them how often do you look at your wedding pictures? I bet we didn't look at our wedding pictures maybe...well we're married 55, 56 years now, we probably didn't look at our wedding pictures once or twice during that period of time. It's all tucked away down in the basement.

1:02:00 Well it's like the same way with the war. I had Japanese hand grenade. I have a marines, one of the marines that was killed, I have his rifle here. A carbine. Anyway, you just didn't talk about it. You didn't talk about the war. Nobody did. As time went by, then the Honor Flight came up. Very little did I think about the Honor Flight nor thought about the war. To make...just to give you an idea how ridiculous it may sound, I was never on an airplane. When we were at Pearl Harbor, I had the occasion to go up on a Catalina, on a Catalina, our whole crew. Would you believe the Catalina that I was assigned to, we taxied out on the water maybe 500 feet or 1,000 feet that they could lift up and they developed motor trouble. I never got on an airplane until I took the original flight.

1:03:23 I was never on an airplane until I went on the Honor Flight, which was in November 19th, 3 years ago so that would be 2008. That was the first time I was ever on an airplane.

1:04:00 Well, since the Honor Flight and of course I had been very fortunate because I was on two flights. The first flight which I said was November 19th 2008 and then I had the occasion, God bless that young guy, Joe Dean because that was November 6th when I went on the second flight. What happened, the plane was supposed to leave Saturday morning and then Friday night

at 8 o'clock, Joe Dean called me, 'Harvey, do you want to go to Washington again?' What could I say? I didn't tell him I'll call you back next week. I said, 'Hell yes.' Anyway what happened, unfortunately, one of the veterans, his wife fell and broke a leg and he had to stay with her. Another veteran was taken to the hospital. There were two vacancies. Joe Demler and I were selected to go.

1:05:10 We went on a 747. Well as you know there were 200 veterans and there were 200 guardians. I was assigned a very nice Irish girl, Molly. Molly Holgen. She took good care of me. I told her I was shot in the leg so she held me up all the time. Anyway, lots of fun. Talking...like on the first flight I couldn't take my wife because it had to be one generation down, so I took my son. He and I went. As a matter of fact, he was a guardian for one of the veterans that Herb Cole helped get a Purple heart. My son helped him. That was that.

1:06:10 That was the first time I was ever on a plane. And of course, a few days before this and that when I was told that I could go, I kind of thought about it at night. Oh well okay, no problem what the heck. You're 83 years old at that time, what's the difference. What goes up must come down. Anyway, I said I took our son along and he was a guardian for the one that he took care of that got the Purple Heart. We had a wonderful time in Washington. And of course it was so wonderful to see all of the monuments. I can't tell you...when I saw the Iwo Jima monument I got water in my eyes and that came from the dust, it was kind of dusty there that day.

1:07:11 Anyway, it was so wonderful. We talked about that up until that time before we went, I never really discussed the war with our son or any of the neighbors or nobody. Anyway after that we started talking. Of course I had a few pictures...showed them that. I had a Japanese grenade that I picked up off the beach. I gave that to our son, which he has. Like I said I was very very fortunate to go. After the first flight, we had a couple of, oh you might say cookouts where we were trying to raise more money for the Honor Flight. Then Joe Demler and I we had to go to Wee Energies and some of the other big business places to thank the CEOs for their contributions.

1:08:17 As time goes by it started to mushroom work. People got to know us. We were in the paper, you know. On the radio. Then I got to go on the B...on the big plane that had the 200 veterans and 200 guardians. After that, that was November 6th that's last year. Unbelievable. So much going on. Now, maybe I'm going to get a ride on a helicopter. I think my wife showed you that letter that I got from one of the gals that was a guardian on one of the Honor Flights. She's in the army and she's quite active in West Ben. She wanted, Joe Demler and I...she would pick us up and take us to West Ben and show us the new helicopter. Maybe we'll get a ride in a helicopter.

1:09:16 I'm really going places in my later years. I'm starting to fly! So anyways that's the story.

1:09:40 I've been working on that. I only wish...well for years...for quite awhile I really couldn't read the fine print. What they put in the phone book, this and that, they make the print

so small. I didn't bother with it. My wife would say, 'You better go to the doctor.' Being a bagger at pick-n-save I really didn't have to read the fine print. I can read the big print. Anyway finally I went to the eye doctor and after staying there a couple of hours, after they looked at me. I couldn't talk them into telling me I was okay. She came up to me, she said, 'After looking at everything, it's the hardest thing I've got to tell you. You really can not drive or shouldn't drive.' I must say it really didn't affect me too much because whenever we go hunting, either my son or the grandkids drive and I just lean back. I didn't have to drive. The only inconvenience it is, like when we would go to say pick-n-save or Piggly wiggly or Wal-mart, from here it's only a matter of 5 minutes, it's an inconvenience. Now fortunately our grandkids, our granddaughter and the daughter in law, and our daughter, and our son are all really cooperative. They take Loretta especially to the store whenever we need something.

1:11:31 I don't feel too bad about not driving. Of course when we were out bear hunting, well I drove. But of course driving on our land. As a matter of fact, in the first of all when we get up there in the morning, we would dump bait for the bear, hopefully that they would come and eat it sometime during the course of the day. That would be like oh maybe 7:30 in the morning. Then we'd go back to the cottage and have something to eat, this and that, and then we'd get ready to go bear hunting. Then my son and my older grandson, the younger guy had to stay home. The guy that shot one last year because he's a junior in high school now. He's quite active physically with basketball so he had to stay.

1:12:31 Anyway the other two guys, I would take them...well we would drive through the land, which is maybe about 4 miles from us and then open up the gate and I would drive all the way back to where we hunt bear about three miles and I didn't run off the road, no problems. No red lights behind me or nothing. So I did that every day. That's how I drove up there. Of course my wife said, 'Don't you drive on the highway.' I said honey...I always listen to my wife. I would never tell her the true stories but I would say, "Honey I'll listen to ya." Gotta do that. Gotta be diplomatic. Anyway, we would sit from maybe 8 o'clock, not 8 but after we got up there, after they were all dressed, maybe 10 o'clock in the morning till 7:30 at night, waiting for that big one. That 450 lbs to come through.

1:13:41 Like I did mention, he did come through 3 o'clock in the morning. Hopefully this weekend he'll come through a little during day light. Anyway that's the story about my eyes. Heyyy, then another bottle of pills or two. My eyes of a couple of years ago, every night she puts in an eye drop in my left eye and one in the right eye. That's supposed to help and then in addition to that, I've got about 25 bottles over there of pills that should help...not quite that many, that's supposedly to help. That's for my eyes. Hopefully they'll get better. There again like I mentioned I really don't miss the fact that I don't drive because our son and everybody else, they take us wherever we want to go.

1:14:50 Whenever we go hunting or fishing, the kids drive. I think one big reason why they drive, even when I was driving, we'd get up there faster. That's why they would drive. Now then of course, every year I go in for a physical. I was due for a physical, then I go to Doc Bower over

here, in Saukville, went over there and had all my tests and everything turned out good except....the Dr. tells me you got a little high blood pressure. This time it was a lady Dr. I said maybe you better take it again because you were holding my hand when I came in. Maybe that's what raised my blood pressure.

1:15:50 Anyway, took the blood pressure again and it was a little high. She took me on medication and I have to take some medication for my high blood pressure. Vitamins. I'm rearing to go but I don't have no wheels.

1:16:50 Well, I would like our family, meaning our wives and the kids to live the life that my wife and I did. To be happy, to enjoy it, and treat people the way you want to be treated. The sad part of it is, the younger generation today, they have to...everybody has to work in order to make a living, but...I only hope that they remember me for the many good times that we had. When we went hunting, no matter what kind of hunting it was, if it was duck hunting, goose hunting, bear hunting or deer hunting I was happier when the kids would shoot one rather than I. I would much rather have them shoot it but me.

1:22:30 I certainly would like my children and all of my friends and unfortunately I don't have as many friends as I used to. Our best man, as a matter of fact I forgot to tell you that. He was in the navy too. He had...he got his boots in Farragut Idaho. Unfortunately he passed away now. He too, after Iwo, we went...the war was over. On the way back, we stopped off at one of the islands and I knew he was on the island and they went in and he was stretched out and when I walked in I said, 'On your feet sailor!' Christ I didn't see him for a couple of years.

1:23:30 He was our best man as a matter of fact, I was in his wedding procession. There's a little story connected to that too. Of course that was before my wife and I were married a long time ago. That was the year Jacky Robinson, he was the first black ball player that broke into the majors. He stole second base and they tried to throw him out at second base and when the catcher threw the ball, they happened to hit him in the back of the head and knocked him out. He was unconscious for about five minutes. True story. So many stories, little details that come up. Anyway I was in their wedding procession too. I remember Dr. Langmack, he raised Springer spaniels. Anyway, when we were up there...where was Eleanor from? Brilliant. Okay that's where the doctor was.

1:24:40 I went to...before the evening affair and the wedding this and that, I went over to see the doc because he had puppies for sale. Would you believe I bought a dog up there from the doctor, Dr. Langmack. A puppy maybe about 6 months old and had the dog on the leash. I was out at our car and the girl that I was assigned to, she was standing next to me. Well aren't you coming in, to the wedding? Well I had to take care of my new addition. I guess I did tie the dog up to the bumper, this and that. We did go in, had a dance or two. I didn't dance too good in those days. Never did, right?

Loretta- You still can't dance.

1:25:35 The sad part of it is, so many of our friends are gone because of time going. As a matter of fact one of the fellas that graduated in 1943 and one was in the air corps. He flew a B17. One was in the marines and he was shot down. The marine was killed. Sandy...Sand Huessen. Then Don Clebenall was the one that flew the B17. So many of our friends are gone. Getting back I only hope that our family lived a life that my wife and I had. I only hope that the economy changes around for the younger generation because it's tough out there, there's no doubt about it.

1:26:44 The youngest grandson, he's in Grafton high school now and he's reading the book about Iwo, which is Flags of our Fathers. He's reading the book. So many stories.

1:27:15 The Honor Flight was wonderful. Like I mentioned before, I never was on an airplane. I was on an airplane, the Catalina, but it didn't get up in the air. The Honor Flight was wonderful to be in Washington to see all the monuments. Joe Demler and I have gone to a number of when the veterans come back. We go to the airport. What hurts me and I mean that....what hurts me when I go up to talk to a lot of these veterans and shake their hands, to see them walking with oxygen tank or being pushed in a wheel chair. That really hurts me to realize because I remember when all these guys were young. 18, 19, 20 years old. Terrible. The Honor Flight is wonderful.

1:28:21 To see the outpour of the people. When we go to the airport there is maybe 6,000, 8,000, 9,000 people there welcoming the veterans back, which is wonderful. Big signs, 'Welcome back Grandpa.' This and that. Unbelievable. Without the Honor Flight I probably would never have gotten to Washington. As a matter of fact I saw two friends yesterday. Our son took me to see them and they were hunting geese. He took me to see them and the one, he's from Ush Kush. His name is Gary Bazella. He told me that he was in Washington, it must be about 5, 6 years ago when they first opened up the monument in Washington and he was there to see it. He sent me all the literature from the original opening. I still have that and we talked about that yesterday too.

1:29:38 So much history. The Honor Flight.

Loretta- I think it has brought back a lot of things that he never would have talked about. He never talked about the service, anything and when we would get together with my brothers, who were in service in WW II also, they never discussed the war, never. This came all out now. I think it's for the best, I really do.

1:30:21 For years after the war, the veterans never really talked about it. I think most of us, when you go to bed at night, you're thinking about the past, what actually happened.

1:30:51 I mentioned too, like the original four marines that raised the flag on Iwo, 3 of them were killed on Iwo before the island was taken. The one that lived the longest was the one from, the one that was a navy corps men. I just can't think of his name, but he just passed away, I don't know 5-7 years ago. Time goes so quick. I think most of us, when you go to bed, not every night, but there's a number of nights when you start thinking about what happened in the past. It's just natural. After the war, we never really talked. I don't think none of the veterans really discussed what went on.



1:31:51 So many of them had it a hell of a lot worse than I did. No doubt about it. Can you picture a paratrooper flying wherever, jumping out of a plane at 6,000 ft- 3,000 ft with an 80 lbs backpack on his back at midnight, 2 o'clock in the morning, jumping into enemy territory. Unbelievable. Or being in a submarine underwater and then having depth charges going off. So many, you know. Then of course the planes that...like I mentioned, so many of the B29s, they were shot up. They'd come in and they had to help some of the crew off that were wounded. So many of them. I had it good compared to a lot of them. You're sitting in a fox hole, Christ and you don't know if someone is going to jump in there with a bayonet or throw in a hand grenade. So much of that. I had it good.

1:33:10 As a matter of fact, being in the navy you always had something to sleep on when you could. But of course, for a number of nights we didn't go to bed. We just stayed at our battle stations. Whereas like the army, some of the...Christ they had to sleep in the water in the fox holes and walk in snow when it was 10, 20 below zero. So many hardships. Like I always say, you had to be there to understand it. You can say it was tough, you had to be there to understand it.

1:34:00 Well my wife would say to me, would you like to go flying? I'd say, hell yes let's go. Before the first Honor Flight I thought about it, hell I was never up in the air. I was on the water on the Catalina but I never got up in the air. No way would I be afraid to get on a plane and fly. As a matter of fact I'm only hoping when I go to West Ben I'll be able to fly in a helicopter, one of the new ones you know. In our day, there really were no helicopters, compared to today. Of course, like the planes in our days too, they all had propellers. The fastest plane our fighters could probably only do like 300 and 325 miles. Now with the jets they're probably doing 12 or 15 hundred. Unbelievable. And we had a problem shooting down planes with propellers.

1:35:15 It was a pleasure to meet Joe Demler. Of course I didn't get to meet him until the first flight. I think before the first flight, he and his wife did come into pick-n-save a couple of times to meet their new bagger. Then I talked to Joe Demler and of course then as I mentioned we did go to a number of big businesses to thank them for their contributions. Of course, he always took along the life magazine because his picture was in there. Joe Demler was a prisoner of war in Germany. He was captured by the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. The bad part is the Battle of the Bulge, we had 35,000 American troops were killed. He was captured. He was in a prison camp for maybe 3 or 4 months and they had nothing to eat. Of course where they slept they had no heat. Of course to go to the bathroom they would have a 5 gallon bucket. Then of course all the scuttlebutt going around, they would hear the stories that Hitler told their troops to kill the Americans. Kill the American captives. All of this was going through his mind every day. He was nothing but a skeleton as you probably saw that picture in Life magazine. He lost a hell of a lot of weight because they had nothing to eat.

1:37:15 Some of the food they would get had bugs crawling around. You'd scrape the bugs off. You had to eat in order to survive. He had it tough. He had it tougher than I did, there's no doubt

about it. I'm sure he's had more problems helping carry out the dead, this and that, the wounded. You just couldn't get away from it. I don't know how many captives, but thousands of troops were captured in the Battle of the Bulge. They had hundreds in his camp where he was. They didn't have food, they didn't have heat, they didn't have light. The sad part of it is, all these stories going around that Hitler gave orders that we should kill all the troops. How the hell can you doze off at night thinking about maybe they're coming in to shoot you or whatever.

1:38:18 I know there were stories as a matter of fact, there was stories where a German truck would back up to maybe 100 American troops and they had a canvas on the tailgate, they would raise it and had a machinegun setup and then they would open up. They would kill all the troops captive. Same way like in the Battle of Baton and Corregidor. You probably heard those stories too, where they marched 15,000 American troops from Baton to Corregidor and if you couldn't keep up, if you were sick or tired or couldn't keep up, the Japanese would either bayonet or shoot them. All these stories, you didn't know. Terrible. Same way with Joe Demler. I got to know him pretty good.

1:39:15 Larry too. He and I outside of the few stories we talked about, we didn't really talk about the war either. We were so happy to be on the Honor Flight. The name of that bakery. They had us all there. We energies and so many business places, Joe Demler we had to go to and thank the CEO for their contribution.

1:40:00 Hey, Joe, not just Joe Dean but also Jane Dean, that's his true love and his kids. I've been to his house and for all of...I guess what really got Joe Dean started into this, his father was in the navy. Unfortunately his father passed away and never got to Washington. Joe Dean and his family, after Joe got into it, he really got involved in the Honor Flight. Of all the effort go into one of these Honor Flight. I wouldn't begin to say what all goes into it. First of all, getting the contributions, setting up the plane. And of course, for an example, the first plane Joe Demler and I were on, we only had 88 veterans. All of the veterans had to be contacted a week or two weeks beforehand to make arrangements, are you able to get there? Three years ago, most of us, well naturally we were 3 years younger and we could drive. Joe Demler and I, we didn't have to drive, Joe Dean would pick us up. Or your relative, the one that works for the journal, she would pick us up.

1:41:40 Anyway, we got to meet so many wonderful people on the Honor Flight. Joe Dean, for all of the effort he put into it, whenever I would get money from pick-n-save. I would call him, he'd come and pick it up. Jane Dean too. All of the people that are on the board. Unbelievable for the time and effort they put into. What's his name who lost his wife? Steve is another one. The hundreds of wheelchairs that he takes care of after each flight. The time and the effort that goes into it. Dedicated. They're so dedicated to do this. All of the people that are on the boards for the Honor Flight, including you three guys, of all the time and the effort that you put into it. Wonderful. Wonderful.

1:42:53 If it wouldn't be for Joe Dean, I'm not so sure if there would be...although the Honor Flight is country wide, but I think Wisconsin did one of the best. Like I said his wife Jane Dean and then of course Steve's wife was involved, she was on one of the Honor Flights and unfortunately she passed away. As time goes on, like they always say, we'll get ya in the end. You gotta keep going everyday right? But the Honor Flight, terrific. Like I mentioned, Joe Demler and I we really didn't talk about the war, even like when we were going to...like when we went to the different business places, then of course we had to relate our stories.

1:43:50 Between him and I, we really didn't talk well, did you see anybody get shot? We didn't talk nothing like that. We talked about the good times. I only hoped they'd donate more money. We had a number of cookouts at pick-n-save and different business places to raise money. One of the first things if I would see somebody that I knew, I would say, 'Did you bring your checkbook?' Now you can have something to eat.

1:44:35 Hey I think that's wonderful. Once again you've got to give credit to Joe Demler, he is the one that thought of that. Each day is a bonus. Each day is a bonus. Not just for the veterans, but for all of us. Each day is a veteran...each day is a bonus. That was wonderful. That slogan really is outstanding. So many people even mention that. Each day is a bonus. That's right. You've got to give Joe Demler for that.

1:45:15 Appreciate life that you're up and around and you've got what you want. I shouldn't say what you want but what you got. Enjoy it and make sure...when I say each day is a bonus, if you live another day it's a bonus. There's so many sad things that are going on today. Unbelievable. Through the years look at where somebody would walk into a school and shoot 10 or 15 people or some other business place and walk in. The sad part of it is like in our day, we didn't know what drive by shootings were or road rage. Today somebody will go in and hold up a bar or filling station, they get the money then after they got the money they shoot and kill the guy because they don't want a witness. That's why I'm saying each day is a bonus, enjoy it. Enjoy what you got. Because tomorrow may be different. That's the reason why I mention that.

1:46:30 I think not only they would, but I think they should. Change their lives, years ago, I didn't mention that either.

1:46:52 My father didn't have a car originally either when I started high school. He didn't have a car. I remember he bought a 37 Chevy and that's for \$325. Anyway, on a Sunday afternoon, we would be in the neighbor's yard or the neighbors would be in our yard, or we would be in their yard, because people didn't go to Florida, they didn't go to Hawaii, they didn't have a place up north. We didn't have a place up north until my dad bought it, which was...maybe 5 years after the war or even longer. Now and days, our grandkids, Christ, the youngest guy that's active in basketball, he went to Utah to a basketball camp a couple of months ago. Our granddaughter, she was in Nevada for a week here, a couple of months ago. Our son and daughter in law, they went to Hawaii. The younger generation, they're travelling all the time whereas years ago, you just

didn't have the money of course, that was the main issue and you didn't have the transportation that you have today either.

1:48:22 It's so different today. It would be wonderful if people would change their attitude. The sad part of it is, in our day, the greatest generation, we knew everybody in the block. If somebody needed help...I remember too many years ago when I was going to grade school. My mother would send me to the baker shop before I would go to grade school in class in the morning. She'd get three hard rolls, three Danish and I would have to walk maybe 2 or 3 blocks and get three hard rolls and 3 Danish and they were roughly 3 cents apiece. So different today. Today you've got to put a 20 dollar bill on the bar. We knew everybody, we knew everybody on the block and they knew us.

1:49:23 If somebody needed help...as a matter of fact my dad always had beagles because he did a lot of rabbit hunting. He would send me over to Winterburger, he was a good ole German. He didn't know who he was in those days. Anyway my dad would send us over there to get bones for the dogs. I would walk in there in the morning or whenever I went there to get bones for the dogs. I would tell them, 'Mr. Winterburger, can I have bones for the dogs?' 'Don't tell me.' Before he would get the bones, he would slice a piece of liver sausage, or summer sausage, or a weiner and give that to me. Then he would get 4 or 5 big bones for the dogs. No charge of course. Now if you went to one of the local stores and get maybe 4 or 5 bones, which are probably soup bones, it would be \$20.

1:50:25 So different today. Everything is out of line, but getting back to the question about do you think it would be more help? Definitely. If people would be more sociable. Probably wherever you live, a lot of people don't know who their neighbors are because they don't care because they got 2, 3, 4 cars. Just to talk about that. Today living here, we've been here roughly 26, 27 years. When we first moved out here, we saw the houses go up one by one. Then school buses would come in, 2...there were originally like 4 school buses would come in and everybody had like 2 or 3 cars in the garage and the school buses had to come in and pick up the kids. Today, they don't have to because the kids are all growing up.

1:51:22 Just to give you an idea...people got everything today. They got two cars, they got probably two women or more and though things are so different. What can I say? People got everything. It would be very helpful, beneficial of course if people would be more sociable, talk to their neighbors and have them over for a Manhattan once in awhile, then I would have one too.

1:52:30 Well young man, young man. You've got a long ways to go. The way with modern medication now and days you're going to live even longer with me. I hope so, but once again everybody, the younger people, should have more of a family life. Enjoy their families. Associate with their families. If the kids want to go to a ball game, take them. Soccer game, take them. Do whatever you can with the family. Get to know your neighbors. Talk to your neighbors. If they need the grass cut, tell them you'll come their tomorrow and cut it, or next time. There's so much

that you can be helpful. That's what's lacking today. Be more active in the local communities to see what's going on. Pay attention. As a matter of fact, I think it's very beneficial that neighbors get to know each other. The sad part of it is, like I said, there's a lot of neighbors today that don't even know who their neighbors are because they got everything.

1:53:55 And if you go to church be more active in your church. I'm not saying contribute more, but be more active. When they ask for volunteers don't sit in the back row and slump your head. That's what happens. That's what happens.

Loretta- Appreciation. The younger generation does not appreciate what there is today, what they could have and should have. I think that is the big thing. Lacking in family. When the kids would come home from school and we'd have our dinner time, that was our discussion time. We would discuss what went on in grade school, high school, and when Lynn went to college we discussed what went on. I think that is very very important and is lacking today because parents cannot be together because the wife is working or the wife has the whole family to herself now because there isn't a man in the family. So many things are lacking to me. I think that's very hard on our young kids today.

1:55:15 The sad part of it, the morals today are so loose compared to years ago too. How often do you see on TV or hear on the radio, the boyfriend killed the girlfriend's daughter or son. Unbelievable. The morals are so different today. Like I mentioned before, I really wasn't married 6 times, I was only kidding. Only once to my true love.

1:56:20 Loretta- First of all let me tell you this. When Jeff got married, they built this home 9 miles from here. Even before that, we would go into town and I would make dinner three times a week, take care of the kids when they were little, Danny was on some kind of machine right because she had a problem.

1:56:56 Loretta- Anyway I was going to say we would do that three times a week. That would be our life. Our daughter was working at a dietician at Saint Luke's. I was going to say that before that, once we moved out here, she was living up in Medford and worked as a dietician at Medford hospital. I was going to say then she moved down here because she wanted to work on her master's degree. She moved back home and then she was with us for about three or four years and then she met Bob and then they got married. What I'm getting at and when Jeff moved out here, then we would go here three times a week, take care of the kids, make meals for them, I would see that they would get off to bed, I would see that they had their homework. He would help me out. That brought the family together a lot. I was going to say that I think that's why our grandkids are so close to us because we did a lot for them and they appreciate it.

1:58:08 Loretta- Then I was going to say now that the Honor Flight came up, Jeff made the remark, he said, 'You know Mom, I never realized what dad went through until I went to Washington with dad.' Then when the kids start seeing things on TV about WW II with their grandfather, they are...I can't get over how they appreciate him. You take Mitchell now, he's going to be 17. He comes here, he cuts the grass for us and he'll see Grandpa sitting outside. He'll take the other chair, sit down, and sit and talk with his grandfather and he'll sit there and talk and talk with Harvey. I think that's great.

Harvey- Oh we're talking about hunting.

1:59:00 Loretta- So he's talking to you, you know. And it's great because now when he picked me up and took me to the store Saturday, he talked to me about going to Home coming and he

was taking his girlfriend and he was going to be playing Varsity basketball. How many kids will talk to grandparents like that? These are things that have brought the whole family together.

When they get into a little trouble with they meet a girlfriend and they break up, then they talk to you about it and they don't talk to their own mother about it, I think that's pretty neat, you know? They relate to the fact that I was brought up with 10 boys. I used to play football and we used to play this baseball game with the pocket knife, you know where you flipped it and tried to get it on the board, that it would stick and everything. I learned how to do all those things.

Loretta 2:00:00 I said, I think everything was just brought together with the Honor Flight and it really has done wonders.

Dan- Are you proud of Harvey?

Loretta- Oh yeah, very. I'm proud, let's say this; I'm proud of everybody, anybody that was in service. I had 5 brothers in service. I'm proud of all of them. I think first of all when you're taken away from home to defend your country against another country, I think you're going through a lot of emotions and you...sometimes it surfaces when you get home and you take it out on the ones you love, but a lot of those, we've got to remember those guys are going through a lot over there. I think with this Iraq war, that has really brought a lot of problems for families. When you've got servicemen coming home and our country can't see that they get jobs, I think our country should be very ashamed of themselves. I really do.